

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1301

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center predictions show that the State of Mississippi will be severely affected by Tropical Storm Isaac beginning today and continuing, which may include damaging winds, severe thunderstorms, flooding, and possible tornadoes over wide areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, the State and local governments are encouraging residents in southern counties to consider evacuating inland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 37-151-103(1), as amended by Senate Bill No. 2761 (2012 Regular Session), employees of public school districts in those areas are required to be paid by direct deposit on August 31st; and

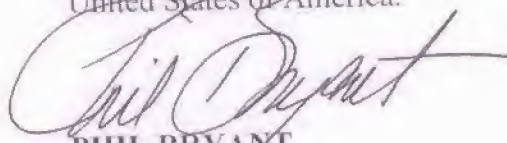
WHEREAS, such employees could suffer hardship if they are forced to bear the expense of an evacuation without first receiving their paychecks for the month of August.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby find that strict compliance with Section 37-151-103(1) would hinder some residents' efforts to evacuate in advance of Tropical Storm Isaac. Therefore, pursuant to Section 33-15-11(c)(1) of the Mississippi Code, I hereby suspend operation of Section 37-151-103(1)'s requirement that employees of all public school districts in Hancock County, Harrison County, Jackson County, Pearl River County, Stone County, George County, Wilkinson County, Amite County, Pike County, Walthall County, Marion County, Lamar County, Forrest County, Perry County and Greene County be paid by direct deposit on August 31st. Accordingly, for the month of August only, all public school districts in Hancock County, Harrison County, Jackson County, Pearl River County, Stone County, George County, Wilkinson County, Amite County, Pike County, Walthall County, Marion County, Lamar County, Forrest County, Perry County and Greene County are granted discretion to pay any employee who so requests by paper check in lieu of direct deposit. Except for the time-limited discretion expressly granted herein, all public schools in the State must continue to comply fully with Section 37-151-103(1).

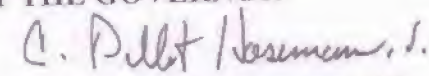


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and in the two hundred and thirty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.


PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR


C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE

5:20 p.m.

August 27, 2012